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Mr. Folliard and Gray Television,

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Fields Television Service was started in 1958 by Pug Fields. Pug Fields in relation to me was a great uncle. At that time Pug Fields placed an antenna at the top of Combs Hill. He ran the channels that they picked up out of Kingsport Tenn which are Channel 11, Channel 19, and WCYB Channel 5. He ran the line down the hill for his personal use. Local neighbors in the community came together to purchase cable to run throughout the small community of Combs. Pug Fields passed away in 1963. One of the neighbors named John Roberts ran the line from 1963 until 1978. John Roberts charged the customer \$3.00 per month. In 1978 my father, Logan Fields, took over the line and ran it until his death in 2000. I, James Fields, have presently maintained the line since his passing. At one time there was approximately 125 customers in the community that used the cable. We had limited channels, mainly off air. We have The Weather Channel on the line. We are currently paying TWC for [REDACTED] customers. Due to our economical downturn in the coal business there are no jobs in our community forcing our locals to leave. Now there are many vacant homes and buildings in our community. We have 2 existing customers, ages 86 and 90, that invested money into the line whom still receive service for free. All of the other investors have passed away. Direct TV and Dish Network have took most of the remaining customers. There is one cable service from Hindman called TVS that has also taken customers. TVS offers bundle packages of cable, highspeed internet, and telephone. We do not have the equipment to offer these bundle services. Due to lack of funds and my poor health I have no intentions of purchasing the equipment. Cable television is no longer needed to receive the local channels. Due to Combs being less than 5 air miles from WYMT's tower the people on the Combs Community can purchase an antenna to work with the digital tuner on the newer TVS and pick up WYMT's digital signal for free from their home.

Direct TV, Dish Network, and Windstream come out in their new vans and trucks and install their satellites and put up a free off air antenna. The customer is now receiving the local channels without paying a dime to WYMT. Companies such as these give the free off air antenna to the customer in order to take business away from the local cable companies.

I was employed at WKYH TV Channel 57 from December 1982 until August of 1991. In 1985 Kentucky Central Life purchased WKYH and changed the name to WYMT. WYMT then begged local cable companies to carry them because they were only a simulcast of WKYT TV Channel 27 of Lexington. WYMT bought equipment for the cable companies to use. It took more than 2 years for WYMT to get on all of the local cable companies. Without the local cable companies in the late 1980's, WYMT would have no viewerbase. The Cable Television business did ok until around 2003 when WKYT and the other Lexington Stations and the local christian channel became available on Satellite.

If you asked a customer in our community to pay [REDACTED] extra per month for WYMT

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they would think you were trying to rip them off. Why should they pay me for a service that they can receive for free if they buy an antenna for \$20.00 at the local Walmart. We did not increase our rates to compensate for the [REDACTED] per customer that WYMT is asking for.

To my knowledge, we have not received a stop transmitting letter from WYMT. We can pay WYMT the [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. That will pay up through June of 2014 and we will continue paying monthly or yearly from then on.

I was told at WYMT that they wanted [REDACTED] in legal fees. We have no means to pay legal fees. I have spoken with a local lawyer and was told that legal fees should not be more than 2-5 hours on preparing a letter. The local rate in our area for legal fees is between \$150.00 - \$200.00 per hour.

James Fields  
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